

**U.S. Embassy Quito, Ecuador**  
**Security Message for U.S. Citizens**  
**Government of Ecuador Declares State of Emergency Due to El Niño**  
**November 19, 2015**

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is notifying U.S. citizens throughout Ecuador that on November 18, 2015, the Ecuadorian Government declared a state of emergency lasting 60 days due to the phenomenon of El Niño. This state of emergency applies to the entire country, except for the provinces of Tungurahua, Sucumbios, Orellana, Napo, Pastaza, Morona Santiago, and Zamora Chinchipe. The Ecuadorian Government is forecasting a stronger than normal El Niño event, with an unusually high volume of rainfall. This may cause floods, landslides, and mudslides in many areas; damage bridges and roads; and disrupt basic services, such as food and water supplies.

The Ecuadorian Secretariat of Risk Management (Secretaría de Gestión de Riesgos) has set up the website [www.enosecuador.com](http://www.enosecuador.com) to provide information on El Niño and its climatological effects. For general information on natural disaster preparedness, including floods, landslides, and mudslides, see the [U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention website](#).

We strongly encourage U.S. citizens residing in or planning travel to areas that may be affected by El Niño to keep track of news related to El Niño, follow the recommendations of local authorities, and take proper precautions. You should establish an evacuation plan in case your home is threatened by floods, landslides, or mudslides. Additionally, you should review your personal safety plans and ensure you have adequate emergency supplies, including food and water.

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We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Ecuador enroll in the Department of State's **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program**. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you do not have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the **State Department's website**, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read **the Country Specific Information for Ecuador**. For additional information, please refer to our **“Traveler’s Checklist”** page. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

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- Within the same city and from a land line use the last seven digits.
- For calls from a mobile phone and for intercity telephone calls add the city code preceded by a 0.

Dialing instructions from the United States:

- Add the 011 prefix for an international long distance line.

For after-hours emergencies, call the phone numbers listed above for assistance.